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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT OBSERVATIONS ON NACCFM MEETING, NEW DELHI,
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1. IN LAST MINUTE CHANGE OF PLANS, ELIAS IPSARIDES WAS
REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN CYPRUS AND IN HIS PLACE ANDREAS PIRISHIS,
FIRST SECRETARY AT CYPRIOT MFA, WAS NAMED SECOND MEMBER OF
CYPRIOT OBSERVER DELEGATION AT SUBJECT MEETING (REFTEL).
PIRISHIS VOLUNTEERED TO EMBOFF SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS ON
SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S. DISCUSSED IN NEW DELHI.

2. PUERTO RICO. PARA 62 OF COMMUNIQUE AS IT REFERS TO PUERTO
RICO IS ESSENTIALLY THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORIGINAL INDIAN
DRAFT. THE FACT THAT PUERTO RICO SHARES PARA 62 WITH
FALKLAND ISLANDS, IN OPINION OF PIRISHIS, DEMONSTRATES
THAT THE MEETING DID NOT ASCRIBE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE
ISSUE. AT ALGIERS THE WORDING ON PUERTO RICO WAS MUCH STRONGER
AND THE RUERTO RICO "REPRESENTATIVE" WAS VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE.
THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT WAS REPORTED TO
HAVE SENT SOMEONE TO NEW DELHI, BUT PIRISHIS NEVER SAW
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ANY SIGN OF HIM. THE CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE APPEARED TO BE
ORCHESTRATING THE PUERTO RICAN EFFORT. PIRISHIS OBSERVED
THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES AT NEW DELHI FELT CONSTRAINED TO
MENTION PUERTO RICO ONLY BECAUSE THEIR HEADS OF STATE HAD
FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT AT COLUMBO. THERE WAS NO DEBATE ON
THE FINAL TEXT.

3. KOREA. ACCORDING TOP PIRISHIS, THE KOREAN SECTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE PARAS 55-56, WAS CHANGED SLIGHTLY FROM THE ORIGINAL INDIAN DRAFT TO REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE DPRK WHICH HAD SENT A STRONG DELEGATION TO NEW DELHI. THE KOREAN TEXT ALSO WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT DEBATE. SUMMING UP THE TREATMENT OF SUBJECT OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S., PIRISHIS SAID, "THE ATMOSPHERE WAS BETTER FOR THE AMERICANS IN NEW DELHI THAN IN ALGIERS."

4. PIRISHIS SAID THE GOC FELT SATISFIED WITH THE COMMUNIQUE ON CYPRUS AS ISSUED IN NEW DELHI. IT WAS BASICALLY THE GOC'S DRAFT WITH MINOR CHANGES, CONTAINED ALL OF THE POINTS THE GOC REGARDS AS SALIENT AND HIGHLIGHTED UN RES 3212 WHICH THE GOC REGARDS AS THE MOST IMPORTANT. IF IT APPEARED TO BE SLIGHTLY Milder THAN PAST COMMUNIQUEs ON CYPRUS, THIS WAS BECAUSE THE GOC TOOK THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN DRAFTING IT AND DID NOT WISH TO RISK POISONING THE ATMOSPHERE AT VIENNA VI WITH ACRIMONIOUS LANGUAGE IN NEW DELHI.
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